

## BALTIMORE COUNTY 2004 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

| <i>Farm Numbers</i> <sup>1</sup>        | 1992   | 1997 <sup>3</sup> | 2002          |
|---|--------|-------------------|---------------|
| Number of Farms                         | 840    | 889               | 784           |
| Average Size (acres)                    | 99     | 89                | 91            |
| Land in Farms (acres)                   | 83,232 | 79,479            | 71,227        |
| <i>Livestock Inventory</i> <sup>1</sup> | 1992   | 1997 <sup>3</sup> | 2002          |
| Cattle                                  | 12,401 | 9,831             | 8,534         |
| Hogs                                    | 4,645  | 2,477             | 1,343         |
| Sheep                                   | 4,272  | 3,089             | 1,977         |
| <i>2002 Value of Sales</i> <sup>1</sup> |        |                   |               |
| All Products (\$1,000)                  |        |                   | 62,160        |
| Nursery & Greenhouse (\$1,000)          |        |                   | 33,371        |
| Horses (\$1,000)                        |        |                   | 8,219         |
| Vegetables (\$1,000)                    |        |                   | 6,398         |
| <i>Demographic Data</i> <sup>1</sup>    | 1992   | 1997 <sup>3</sup> | 2002          |
| Average Age of Operator                 | 54.9   | 56.2              | 58.5          |
| Percent Female Operators                | 17.9   | 20.6              | 26.4          |
| <i>2002 Equine Census</i>               |        |                   |               |
| Number of Equine Places                 |        |                   | 2,100         |
| Equine Inventory                        |        |                   | 10,630        |
| Value of Equine Inventory               |        |                   | \$121,800,000 |

| <i>Crop Production Acres</i><br><i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> <sup>1</sup> |    |            |    |
|--|----|------------|----|
| Corn for Grain   | 14 | Soybeans   | 17 |
| Barley   | 14 | Vegetables | 6  |
| Forage   | 7  | Wheat      | 18 |

| <i>Livestock &amp; Poultry Inventories</i><br><i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> <sup>1</sup> |    |           |   |
|--|----|-----------|---|
| Beef Cattle  | 7  | Milk Cows | 9 |
| Broilers   | 10 | Sheep     | 4 |
| Hogs   | 9  |           |   |

<sup>1</sup> Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

<sup>2</sup> Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

<sup>3</sup> Revised.

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| <i>Crop</i>              | <i>Year</i> | <i>Acreage Harvested</i> | <i>Yield</i> | <i>Total Production</i> |
|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Corn for Grain (bushels) | 2002        | 19,500                   | 87.9         | 1,714,400               |
|                          | 2003        | 20,000                   | 127.4        | 2,548,000               |
|                          | 2004        | 21,500                   | 157.9        | 3,394,100               |
| Corn for Silage (tons)   | 2002        | 2,200                    | 11.4         | 25,000                  |
|                          | 2003        | 1,900                    | 14.7         | 28,000                  |
|                          | 2004        | 2,200                    | 17.5         | 38,400                  |
| Soybeans (bushels)       | 2002        | 10,600                   | 32.8         | 347,600                 |
|                          | 2003        | 10,300                   | 42.4         | 436,900                 |
|                          | 2004        | 11,700                   | 41.5         | 485,700                 |
| Wheat (bushels)          | 2002        | 2,000                    | 53.7         | 107,400                 |
|                          | 2003        | 2,800                    | 37.5         | 104,900                 |
|                          | 2004        | 3,300                    | 52.6         | 173,494                 |
| Hay (tons)               | 2002        | 11,100                   | 2.2          | 24,200                  |
|                          | 2003        | 9,000                    | 2.7          | 24,700                  |
|                          | 2004        | 11,200                   | 2.3          | 25,200                  |
| Barley (bushels)         | 2002        | 1,000                    | 86.9         | 86,900                  |
|                          | 2003        | 800                      | 57.9         | 46,300                  |
|                          | 2004        | 1,500                    | 77.2         | 115,800                 |

\* Acreage too small to publish.

|                                | 2002    | 2003    | 2004    |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Cropland Cash Rents (per acre) | \$61.87 | \$60.28 | \$66.96 |

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